

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
METROPOLITAN BUILDING COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, 8th November, 1967. 12:30 p.m.  
Room 251, 1441 Drummond Street.

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ATTENDANCE: Mr I.R. Tait, Chairman, Messrs. C.A. Colpitts, H. Umphrey, J.P. Petolas, R.E. Heartz, E. Smith, F.G. Hubbard and R.S. Whittingham.

REGRETS: Messrs. F.F. Fulton, W.D. Robb, N. Wrightson and W.E. Adkins.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Mr F.G. Hubbard.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October, 1966, having previously been circulated were taken as read and upon motion duly made and seconded were accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

H.F. HALL BUILDING:

Perini and Wilson Contracts.

The Perini contract, by virtue of performance, was reported as being complete. All progress and holdback payments have been disbursed.

A holdback of \$10,000.00 is being retained against the Wilson contract, due to the unsatisfactory performance of thirty freezers in the Chemistry Department laboratories. These freezers have proved unreliable and it has been agreed that modifications are to be made by Wilson to render these units operable on a reliable basis.

The development of the Chapel area, funds for which were to be provided exclusively by the University, is presently in the hands of the contractor, W. Barr Limited, and except for the previously mentioned Wilson deficiency, is the only other item outstanding on the Hall Building construction programme.

It was reported that the elevator capacity on both freight and passenger facilities had been exhausted. In addition, escalators are running at the allowable top speed. Consideration is being given to the installation of two more elevators, the shaft already being available from the original plans. Cost is expected to be in the area of \$165,000.00 for both units and Province of Quebec Government assistance on capital grants for this purpose if being sought.

It was noted that problems with soot in the Hall Building are being experienced and it is believed that positive steps will have to be taken to avoid contamination of filters and air conditioning water. Measures to resolve the situation include a precipitator or a scrubber. The

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latter is more efficient and Messrs. Keith Associates have been asked to enquire into this facility. It was pointed out that with the use of a scrubber it would be necessary to obtain City of Montreal approval to dump slurry into the city's sewers and steps are being taken to secure such approval. Anticipated cost of a scrubber unit would be in the region of \$90,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Attention was drawn to the probably availability in the near future of low or free sulphur content oil, and this development should not be overlooked.

BRANCH RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS:

The second phase of the ventilating correction programme at the Notre Dame de Grace Branch was reported as being complete and satisfactory.

The fire prevention recommendations affecting the stairwell in the Westmount Branch were also reported as complete. Minor clean-up jobs on this contract were being undertaken locally by the Branch.

ILE PERROT TENTING AND TRAILER CAMP:

The operation of this project was reported as being satisfactory and contributing usefully to the demand for accommodation during the Expo period. Preliminary figures indicate a surplus of \$22,000.00 toward the capital cost of the project.

DOWNTOWN HEALTH CLUB:

The air conditioning and air circulation difficulties in the Massage room of the Downtown Health Club have now been resolved through the installation of an air circulating unit. These units are giving very satisfactory results.

DOWNTOWN BUILDING POWER LOAD:

It was reported that the three transformers supplying the Drummond-Stanley building complex are one hundred percent loaded and that additional capacity will be required in the near future. It was thought doubtful that either the transformer suppliers or Quebec Hydro would wish to acquire the present transformers although it was felt that both these authorities might be aware of a customer requiring such equipment.

It was determined that space availability for the installation of new equipment is satisfactory. Professor J.P. Petolas agreed to inquire into the alternate suggestions of auxillary loading or additional cooling to the present equipment.

NINTH FLOOR RESIDENCE BUILDING:

The renovations to the ninth floor of the residence building were reported as having been satisfactorily completed and in full operation. All residence facilities were in very heavy demand during the Expo period.

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RENOVATIONS TO EIGHTH FLOOR RESIDENCE BUILDING:

The principle of proceeding with renovations to one floor per year of the Residence Building has been confirmed by the Executive Committee. The next floor scheduled is the eighth floor and after discussion and motion duly made and seconded it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

to authorize the placing of a contract for renovations to the eighth floor of the residence building, such contract to be with the same contractor and upon the same basis as previously entered into for the renovations of the ninth and other floors.

The Secretary was requested to contact Messrs. Ross, Fish, Duschenes & Barrett with a view to implementing this resolution.

FIRE PREVENTION RE CAFETERIA KITCHEN:

A proposal for a carbon dioxide extinguishing system for the cafeteria kitchen at a cost of \$6,021.00 was reviewed and tabled for later consideration.

FIRE INSPECTION REPORTS:

Reports prepared by an insurance company inspector concerning measures necessary to minimize fire hazards in all Branch buildings have been circulated to those concerned. Where possible action is either in hand or has already been completed.

Recommendations included the installation of sprinkler system in both the International and Westmount Branches, however, due to the age of these buildings this was felt to be an uneconomic proposition.

TERMINATION OF MEETING:

There being no further business for consideration the meeting was declared terminated at 2:10 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.